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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Kenji MIKAMI

Application No.: 10/765,398

Filed: January 28, 2004

For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS,
METHOD AND STORAGE MEDIUM

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: Examiner: Steven Y. Kau

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: Group Art Unit: 2625

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: Confirmation No.: 2551

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: November 21, 2008

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant is in receipt of an Official Action, dated July 21, 2008, entering a final rejection in the above-identified application.

Applicant is concurrently filing a Petition for Extension of Time and a Request for Continued Examination with this Preliminary Amendment.

In response to the Official Action, the Examiner is requested to amend the application, as follows.